(d) by when the appointment letters are likely to be sent to the remaining successful candidates?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Posts of judges in Allahabad High Court

1503. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of permanent posts of Judges in the Allahabad High Court. the number of such posts at present lying vacant and why they are not being filled up;

(b) the total number of ad-hoc Judges working at present, their names and date of appointment; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to raise the number of permanent Judges of the said High Court; if so, what is the proposed number, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARADWAJ): (a) The Allahabad High Court has a sanctioned strength of 54 permanent Judges and 6 Additional Judges. As on 29.11.85, 9 posts of permanent Judges and 6 posts of Additional Judges were vacant. The question of filling up these posts is engaging the attention of the Government.

(b) As on 29.11.85, there was no ad-hoc Judge in the Allahabad High Court.

(c) Decision has been taken to increase the sanctioned strength of permanent Judges in the Allahabad High Court by 2.

Statutory price control on cars

1504. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration before Government to impose statutory price control on cars of different makes;

(b) if not, whether Government will impose statutory price control instead of leaving it to the manufacturers of cars to fix prices of their product; and

(c) what is the difficulty in imposing statutory price control?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Government feel that competitive forces in the industry induce the manufacturers to hold prices at reasonable levels

Automatic tyre maufacture

1505. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an organisation now known as 'All India Motor Transport Congress' and the large number of tyre dealers in the country have recently made representations to Government charging the Automatic Tyre Manufacturers of artificially manipulating high prices and organising production and distribution in a way which brings them more profits; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In absence of control on prices of raw materials and conversion costs and in the prevailing competitive market conditions, where the installed capacity is in excess of what the market can sustain, Government do not consider it necessary to intervene in the prices/distribution of tyres. However, Government constantly reviews measures required to stabilise the prices of raw materials and other inputs as well as the incidence of indirect taxes so as to enable the tyre

industry to maintain the prices of tyres at reasonable level. Import of automotive tyres has also been placed under Open General Licence.

Judgment of cases yet to be delivered by Supreme Court

1506. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:
SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases as on September 30, 1985 heard by the different benches of the Supreme Court but for which judgments have not yet been delivered;

(b) what is the longest period for which such a judgment is pending and the reasons thereof;

(c) what are the steps that are proposed to be taken to reduce this delay; and

(d) what would be the fate of those cases where hearing are over but the judgments are not delivered, if the concerned judge retires or dies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The Registry of the Supreme Court has intimated that as on 30th September, 1985 there were 51 matters which were heard but in which judgments had not yet been delivered by 30th September, 1985.

(b) and (c) The Supreme Court Registry have not furnished the information as discussion on this information is barred by Article 121 of the Constitution.

(d) The Registry of the Surpeme Court has intimated that if an Hon'ble Judge dies before judgment is delivered in a matter which had been heard by a bench of which he had been a member, the matter is re-heard. However, if an Hon'ble Judge retires, judgments in all the matters which had been heard by a bench of which he was a member are always delivered before the date of his retirement.

Cement prices

1507. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to reduce the price of cement in the country;

(b) if so, what are the deails in regard thereto;

(c) whether in view of sharp rise in price of cement in the country, Government propose to import cement in order to stabilise the prices at reasonable rates; and

(d) if so, what are the details in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Cement is sold under two categories, *viz.*, levy cement and non-levy cement. Non-levy cement is free from price and distribution control. As regards the levy cement, there is no proposal to reduce the price of levy cement in the country.

(c) and (d) Indigenous production of cement during the current financial year is expected to be of the order of 33.5 million tonnes. State Trading Corporation have already imported 0.13 million tonnes during the current year out of 0.50 million tonnes cement import authorisation given during 1984-85 to minimise the shortage.

Industries in Vidarbha

1508. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated a scheme to set up industries in the large, medium and small scale sectors during the Seventh Five Year Plan period in the Vidarbha region of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the nature of the industries proposed to be set up in each district of that region?